

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., MONDAY, MAY 12, 1913.

PRICE TWO CENTS

FIRE DESTROYS CLARKSBURG PLANNING MILL

BLAZE HOTTEST KNOWN
IN HISTORY OF THE CITYGreen Grass and Trees Block
Away Burn Like a Forest Fire.

ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN

Loss Reaches \$80,000 and is
Second Heavy One for
the Present Owners.

Fire at noon Monday destroyed the mill and lumber sheds of the Clarksburg Lumber and Planing Mill Company at a gross loss of at least \$80,000 with not more than \$30,000 insurance. A cottage in the rear of the mill was also destroyed at a loss of \$1,500.

The exact origin of the blaze is mere surmise. It started from either a spark from the engine stack or a defective electric wire.

It was 12:04 o'clock when Charles C. Ridenour, Ira Snyder, Robert Reed and Arch Micks, employees in the groove room eating their dinners saw fire in an upper corner under the roof. Mr. Reed first discovered the blaze and gave the alarm to the others. They rushed out of the building to save their lives as within three minutes afterwards the entire roof was in flames.

Pell Mell Rush.
A pell mell rush was made by the fire department but the entire mill and the lumber sheds were enveloped in flames by the time it arrived. Roar after roar went up from the burning mill and the flames leaped high into the air and across the street, threatening the destruction of that entire end of the city. The spectacular scenes quickly attracted thousands of people to the burning buildings but they were not able to approach within 200 yards owing to the intense heat.

Luckily the wind was mild and with the prompt and willing work of bucket brigades the flames were kept to the mill and lumber sheds with the exception of the cottage on the hill in the rear and a stable more than half way across to Locust street, which caught in the roof but was not consumed as a bucket brigade soon had the blaze out there. The heat was so intense that the green grass on the Martha M. Somers lawn on the other side of the street from the mill burned almost like a forest fire. Trees, telephone, telegraph and street car poles burned readily.

Heroic Work.
Heroic work on the part of the fire department and volunteers saved the lumber yards and building adjoining and near to the mill and sheds.

Telephone, telegraph, electric light and trolley lines were broken and twisted for a distance of more than 500 feet and service over these ceased. The greater part of the books in the office were saved. Tools were mostly lost although Earl Freeland and Louis J. Helms saved some at the expense of being severely burned.

The blaze was the hottest ever witnessed here, the dressed lumber and oils and paints furnishing easy fuel. The mill was virtually wiped off the earth within forty minutes, while the lumber sheds filled with dry and valuable lumber burned much longer.

Household Goods Lost.
The cottage was occupied by Luther Johnson, night watchman at the plant, and the most of his household goods was destroyed at a loss of several hundred dollars.

The Stealey Heights fire department aided in combatting the flames and the water pressure was very strong.

The plant was owned by Virgil L. Highland, S. C. Denham, Victor Villers, J. W. Duffy, J. J. Connell, I. C. Lawman and others.

The fire Monday marked the fourth or fifth time planing mills have been burned on that site. Years ago mills were burned there and the last three fires entailed heavy losses. April 25, 1900, when the plant was owned by R. T. Lowndes and others, it was consumed at a loss of \$50,000 or more. The present owners built a new plant there and it was burned April 25, 1911 at a loss of \$60,000 or more and Monday's fire caused a loss of \$80,000.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Samuel Dexter Myers and Maud Reed.

WILSON SILENT ON
PUBLIC HEARINGS

STRIKERS

Burn Street Cars, Beat the
Crews and Drive Them
from Their Posts.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CINCINNATI, O., May 12.—No attempt was made early today by the Cincinnati Traction Company, whose system was tied up by a strike Saturday afternoon, to run any of its cars. The company has about 500 imported men at its yards and was preparing to resume service later in the day. No hunt has been received by Mayor Hunt to his letter to the company demanding that the company arbitrate its dispute with its employees. The mayor in the letter, which is considered an ultimatum, said he would begin court proceedings to place the company in the hands of a receiver and to annul its franchise if his proposal was not accepted by 6 o'clock tonight.

One car was burned, five deserted and left standing in the streets of the downtown section and their crews either beaten or forced to run to cover when the traction company attempted to resume service later in the day. An Avondale street car, while passing Hunt street and Broadway, was suddenly seen to be ablaze. Several men in a wagon driving by the car had thrown a quantity of gasoline over it and then put a match to it. The crew numbering ten men, deserted and were pursued by a crowd but managed to escape.

BLOCK BURNS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SHARON, Pa., May 12.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, early today destroyed all the buildings on one side of Silver street for an entire block. The loss is estimated at \$85,000.

NEW UNION DISTRICT
IS FORMED BY MINERS

FINE TREES

Are Chopped Down to Make
Way for New High
School Building.

Neighboring residents and pedestrians looked with genuine regret Monday at the work of a force of workmen who cleared the old Parr property on Lee street of trees and shrubbery to make way for the erection of the city's new high school building, which is to be erected on the site at once.

About a dozen magnificent trees of various kinds, including several splendid maples, all in fine foliage and of beautifully symmetrical shape were cut down by the workmen and hauled away. Great pity was expressed that the trees should be thus chopped down, but it was a matter of necessity as they had to be removed for the school house site and they were too big to be transplanted. The felling of the trees marks the beginning of work on the new school structure.

JAILED AND FINED.

Charles Zullif was sentenced to serve six days in jail and Andrew Hays was fined \$1 and costs, which he paid in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court for trespassing upon traction company property at Northview Saturday night, while drunk.

COLLECTS TWO FINES.

No arrests were made Sunday by policemen and the usual session of police court was not held this morning. At Sunday morning's session, Mayor Will H. Cole collected a fine of \$5 and costs and another of \$3 and costs from two men who were convicted of street drunkenness and deported three or four others who could not pay fines for like offenses.

But Does Say That He Does
Not Expect Tariff Bill
to Be Changed.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—President Wilson does not expect that the tariff bill will be amended in any important particular. He has not suggested that any schedule be reopened and has not been informed that the Senate contemplates changing the work of the House and is confident that the measure will pass the Senate.

The president expressed these views today but did not express himself as to whether there should be public hearings in the finance committee.

SERIOUS

Is Condition of Little Martin
Boy, Burned in Gas
Explosion.

Another fatality may be added to the open air gas explosion that caused the death of Miss Goldie Bassett and the injury of three others near the Four States Coal Company's Annabelle mine between Fairmont and Grafton. The nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Martin is in a serious condition in St. Mary's hospital in this city from the burns he received and the outcome cannot yet be determined.

Mrs. Martin, who was severely burned, is resting nicely in the hospital and her recovery in due time is expected. Mr. Martin was seriously burned and he is able to walk around in his room in the hospital. The Martins were rushed to the hospital on a special trolley car on the interurban line soon after the explosion occurred Saturday.

Unless the Operators Accede
to Demands of Miners
They Will Strike.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, May 12.—The miners of the New river coal field formed a new district of the United Mine Workers of America today. The election of officers will take place tonight. These officers will be delegated to declare a strike upon the refusal of the coal operators to accede to a conference or deny the demands of the miners. These demands are for a semi-monthly pay day, the right to elect and employ check weighmen, a nine-hour day, abolition of the mine guard system, the right to make purchases elsewhere than at company stores and the right to organize and affiliate with unions without being discharged or being discriminated against.

The miners pledged themselves to return to work under conditions of these demands and called upon the national organization to support all men discharged because of efforts to obtain these demands.

EVIDENCE

Is Furnished Senator Kern by
the West Virginia Federation of Labor.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Evidence in the conditions in the West Virginia coal field, which Senator Kern wants investigated by a Senate committee, will be laid before him tomorrow by a delegation from the West Virginia Federation of Labor. The senator's resolution for an investigation probably will come up in the Senate tomorrow.

Senator Cummins Declares
Convention Would Be
Like Lord's Supper.

CHANGE OF RULES

Is Urged upon the National
Committee of the Party to
Be Made at Once.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHICAGO, May 12.—Progressive Republican leaders from ten states are expected today to draft preliminary plans for the reorganization of the party. They will decide whether a convention shall be held soon, the attitude to be taken toward the national committee, what will best reunite the forces of Republicanism and other questions, which were discussed informally at two meetings yesterday.

The statesmen already here were strengthened this morning by the arrival of former Governor Hadley, of Missouri, while Senator Works, of California, telegraphed that he hoped to reach the city this afternoon. Other politicians will

Swell the Attendance
to more than fifty. Senator Borah, of Idaho, is opposed to calling a Republican national conference and his stand on this question has precipitated an animated discussion. He asserts that it would be useless to attempt to reorganize the party from top down as any meeting that might be held at this time would be controlled by the men who dominated the convention last June. While still fighting the idea of a conference he has little hope that his plan will prevail.

Difference of Opinion.
Hostility to the present national committee has been openly expressed by several of the progressives. Senator Kenyon's statement that "most of us would have no objection to most of the national committee's resigning" is backed up by Senator Sherman, of Illinois, who said: "The feeling is that the national committee should be left inflexible and more amenable to public opinion."

Favor Progressive Rules.
One of the aims of the conference is to curtail the powers of the existing national committee. The consensus of opinion favors following the rules adopted by the Progressive and Democratic national conventions providing that members of the national committee shall assume their duties immediately upon election instead of waiting until the dissolution of the committee at the close of the national convention. By such an arrangement the new committee would handle the credentials of the 1916 convention.

The attendance of Senator Gronna, North Dakota, is said to have the disapproval of Senator LaFollette, who is not in sympathy with the gathering. Gronna and LaFollette have been strong political allies.

The conference decided to ask the Republican national committee at its meeting May 24 at Washington to issue a call for a national convention this year.

To Reorganize.
To reorganize the party along progressive lines, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, Senator Borah, of Idaho, and former Governor Hadley, of Missouri, together with the other leaders at the conference agreed that the proposed convention shall change the basis of representation in future conventions and make other tactical changes so that the party shall stand "for constructive and progressive activities in the affairs of government."

"Does the suggestion to reunite the party mean that those who have joined the Progressive party are to be invited to come back?" Senator Cummins asked.

"It means just as I have said before, that the convention would be a sort of Lord's supper and all those who believe might partake," said Senator Cummins.

Statement Issued.
After the conference, which was adjourned this morning, the following statement was given out:

"At an informal conference of Republicans held at Chicago May 12, 1913, it was voted that it would be submitted to the national Republican

ITALIAN IS STABBED
THROUGH HIS HEARTCoal Miner is Slain in a Fight
at Mt. Clare with Another Miner.

Vincenzo Sirdari, an Italian coal miner, aged 35 years and single, lies cold in death at the Clifford-Osborne morgue here with a fatal stab through his heart, as a result of a fight with a man supposed to be Raffaele Piorino, another Italian coal miner, at Mt. Clare at 7 o'clock Sunday evening and the slayer has made his escape.

The two men were employed at the Byron Domestic coal mine near Mt. Clare and they boarded at boarding houses near one another. The cause of the quarrel is not known and the fight appears to have been witnessed by no one who cares to give information or knows anything about the details. Whether the slayer was injured is mere conjecture as he had disappeared before horrified neighbors gathered on the scene.

Sheriff Ross F. Stout with a posse of city policemen and bloodhounds from Fairmont went to the scene of the killing but the dogs found no trail and the sheriff's protracted hunt was in vain.

The slain man is survived by a sister, who resides at Mt. Clare.

SHRINERS

Conveyed by Twenty-Six
Special Trains Arrive at
Dallas, Tex.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
DALLAS, Tex., May 12.—Dallas became host today to thousands of visitors attracted here by the thirty-ninth annual convention of Shriners. Twenty-six special trains from many sections of the country arrived today and more are enroute. Tomorrow the big parade will take place and Wednesday the business sessions will be concluded. A thousand mile tour of Texas will be begun by a majority of the visitors Thursday.

WEBB BILL WILL NOT
VIOLATE THE TREATYWith Japan is the Belief Ex-
pressed by President
Woodrow Wilson.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—President Wilson believes negotiations between Japan and the United States over the land legislation in California are not in an alarming state but that the interchange of views has been along friendly lines calculated to remove the appearance of discrimination against Japanese.

The president discussing the subject informally today took the position that the Webb bill would not violate the treaty between Japan and the United States. He intimated that Japan's protest was not founded upon a claim that the treaty would be broken but upon the feeling that there was an effort to discriminate against Japanese on the ground of their alleged ineligibility to citizenship.

Mr. Wilson endeavored to make it plain that the greatest frankness had prevailed between the two governments even to the abandonment of many diplomatic formalities.

FOUR ARRESTED

Charged with Planning to
Steal Ammunition for
the Insurgents.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NOGALES, ARIZ., May 12.—Cal Wright, city marshal of Nogales, Jack Williams, a bartender, and two private United States soldiers were arrested here today by the military authorities. It is charged the men planned to steal ammunition from the cavalry camp for the purpose of sending it to the insurgents across the border.

WRIT

Of Habeas Corpus in the Cir-
cuit Court Here over a
Woman's Daughters.

In habeas corpus proceedings of Mary Normie against Charles Roberts in the circuit court to determine the custody of the petitioner's daughters now living with Roberts near Weston, the residence of the plaintiff was suggested and bond for costs required. The writ is returnable Saturday.

The trial docket was taken up Monday morning in the court, when the suit of Emma L. Jackson against Meyer Rosenshine involving title to three acres of land near Jarvisville was placed on trial.

An order docketing and containing a suit by the Clarksburg Board of Trade Land Company against the Leatherbury Shoe Company was filed.

Upon motion of the defendant a suit by Mary R. Goff and others against Hiram Post was continued until the next term.

A suit by Holmboe and Lafferty against Bessie Lyon and others was dismissed having been settled.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE.

An anniversary celebration by the colored Odd Fellows of Fairmont held at Fairmont Sunday was attended by a number of colored Odd Fellows of this city. The occasion was enjoyable.

MINER TO BE TRIED.

Joseph Phmillipovitch, a Mount Clare coal miner, is under bond to appear before Justice G. H. Gordon late Monday to be tried on a peace warrant sworn out by a fellow miner. He was arrested Sunday by Constable Bartlett, of Mount Clare.

HEART FAILURE

Causes Death of Mrs. Lydia
M. Eliason at Home in
Monticello Addition.

Mrs. Lydia M. Eliason, aged forty years, wife of G. Eliason, of the Monticello addition, is dead at her home there after an illness of heart trouble. The funeral services will be held at the Eliason home at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, the Rev. W. M. Long and the Rev. Mr. Hampton will conduct the services.

The body of the deceased woman will be taken to Fairmont Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock over the interurban car line and the burial will be in the Woodlawn cemetery there Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased woman is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters. The sons are Brooks, Ernest and Howard Upton. The daughters are Misses Mary E. Mildred A., and C. Lenore, all living at home.

FEDERAL FUND

Is Wanted by Governor Cox
of Ohio to Prevent
Great Floods.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Governor Cox, of Ohio, discussed with President Wilson today the question of preventing floods in the central states. The governor told the president he thought it was time that Congress appropriated for the development of inland waterways and that the recent floods compelled preventive measures at once. He suggested reservoirs at the headwaters which could be used also to regulate the gauge as well as for water power development.

Candidates Working Hard to
Get All Subscriptions
Possible.

PUBLIC TO DECIDE

Some Hustling Contestant
Will Win Magnificent
\$125 Diamond Ring.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First District.
Miss Esther Mulvaney 105,665

Second District.
Miss Mary A. Shaw 107,822

Third District.
Mrs. J. H. McGee 97,286

Fourth District.
J. D. Martin 86,720

Only a few hours more. At the first stroke of the hour of 9 o'clock tonight the second diamond ring offer and the second period in the Daily Telegram's Great \$6,000 Prize Voting Contest will be finally closed. Subscriptions to count in the winning of the diamond ring and to receive the high second period vote credits must be in before the hour mentioned.

For every \$15 in new subscriptions reported will be given a bonus vote of 20,000 additional votes for subscriptions turned in before 9 o'clock tonight. Get every new subscription possible and win as many of the bonuses as you can.

After 9 o'clock tonight subscriptions will take the smaller third period vote credits and will not count in the winning of any special prize.

Never again during the contest will so many votes be given on subscription payments as are given now in the second period, which is about to close. It is now the last call, both for the special prize and the high votes.

The diamond ring—a magnificent \$125 value—will be awarded to the candidate in the division opposite to the one that won the first ring, who turns in the largest amount of money on new subscriptions in the second period of the contest.

Only new business counts for the diamond ring and the bonus offer, but both old and new subscriptions are affected by the reduction made in the voting schedule at the close of the second period Monday night.

Twelve Days in Third Period.
The third and last period of the contest will open Tuesday and continue for a period of two weeks, containing just twelve working days, and the contest will close Monday night, May 26, promptly at 9 o'clock. The committee of judges, made up of business and professional men of Clarksburg, will canvass the report of the contest department and all awards will be officially made by them.

How Prizes Will Be Won.
The public will decide the winners—the contest department will see that fairness is given all contestants—the committee of judges will count the votes and award the prizes—the Daily Telegram will deliver the prizes over to the winners as decided by the judges. This is the way the Daily Telegram's Great \$6,000 Prize Voting Contest will be conducted and closed and work during the next few days will undoubtedly decide who shall be

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ARSON BAND

Celebrates Whit Monday by
Burning Down Boat
Club Quarters.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, May 12.—One of the band of militant suffragists assigned to interfere with the pleasures of the men of the British Isles celebrated Whit Monday, which is a general holiday here, by burning down the headquarters of the Nottingham Boat Club on the river Trent. The structure, which contained many valuable racing and other boats, was destroyed at a loss of \$10,000.